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EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

County of Los Angeles prepares seniors and individuals with disabilities, access and functional needs

For Emergencies and Disasters

LOS ANGELES—The U.S. Department of Homeland Security has proclaimed the month of September as “National Emergency Preparedness Month” and Los Angeles County Community and Senior Services (CSS) will celebrate this occasion by hosting emergency disaster educational programs throughout the County of Los Angeles at its Community and Senior Centers.

“Individuals with disabilities, access and functional needs; and, seniors who may live alone and who may need help during a disaster are the target audience for the educational workshops,” said Cynthia Banks, Director of CSS. “CSS will host workshops beginning in September up to the **2011 Great California ShakeOut**, which occurs on Thursday, October 20, 2011, at 10:20 a.m.”

What: The ***Kick-off Emergency Preparedness Workshop*** will be held at the CSS East Rancho Dominguez Community Service Center located in the unincorporated East Rancho Dominguez area.

Who: Invited guest speakers and participants include Supervisor Mark-Ridley Thomas’ office, LA County Office of Emergency Management, City of Compton Fire Department Station 31, City of Compton Sheriff’s Department, County of Los Angeles Adult Protective Services, 211 L.A. County, Southern California Edison Company and the Southern California Gas Company.

When: Thursday, September 22, 2011
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Where: East Rancho Dominguez Community Service Center
4513 E. Compton Blvd
Compton, CA 90221

The Workshop will inform the participants about resources and services offered by the County to prepare them for disasters such as **Alert LA County**, the **Specific Needs Awareness Planning (S.N.A.P.)**—

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the County's disaster voluntary registry, and the **Emergency Survival Guide and Emergency Survival Program**. The S.N.A.P. registry will allow 1st Responders (Fire, Sheriff, Adult Protective Services, etc.) to locate missing persons and be able to identify their disability or limitations. We are hoping to be able to assist seniors to enroll after the presentation.

For more information about the workshop, contact Mario Muralles, Director, East Rancho Dominguez Center, at (310) 603-7401.

Visit <http://css.lacounty.gov> for the location of the CSS Community and Senior Centers hosting subsequent workshops.

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